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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed.
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:
pages 1-17 _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* NONE _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - the claims:
pages NONE _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* 19 and 20 _____ received by this Authority on 28 July 2005 (28.07.2005)
pages* NONE _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - the drawings:
pages 1/2-2/2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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 - a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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International application No.
PCT/US04/31898**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N) Claims 1-6 _____ YES
 Claims NONE _____ NO

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1-6 _____ YES
 Claims NONE _____ NO

Industrial Applicability (IA) Claims 1-6 _____ YES
 Claims NONE _____ NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-6 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a stent comprising a scaffolding configured to define a substantially cylindrical member having a distal end and a proximal end extending longitudinally there between including at least three consecutive circumferential bands, each of the circumferential bands having peaks and valleys and a plurality of flexible connectors extending between adjacent ones of the circumferential bands, such that when pressure is extended along varying points of the longitudinal extension of the appliance, the appliance does not undesirably foreshorten or elongate.

Claims 1-6 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus meet industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

CLAIMS:

1. A medical appliance for placement within a portion of the anatomy of a patient, the appliance comprising:

a scaffolding, the scaffolding configured to define a substantially cylindrical member having a distal end and a proximal end and extending longitudinally there between, forming a lumen there through, said scaffolding including:

at least three consecutive circumferential bands, each of the circumferential bands having peaks and valleys and

a plurality of flexible connectors extending between adjacent ones of the circumferential bands, each of said connectors connecting one of the peaks to one of the valleys;

such that when pressure is extended along varying points of the longitudinal extension of the appliance, the appliance does not undesirably foreshorten or elongate.

2. The medical appliance of claim 1, wherein the medical appliance scaffolding comprises a transition metal.

3. The medical appliance of Claim 2, wherein the transition metal is radioactive.

4. The medical appliance of Claim 3, wherein the radioactive signal is provided in a pharmaceutically acceptable amount to treat the target tissue with minimal collateral tissue exposure.

5. The medical appliance of Claim 1, wherein the medical appliance is radially contractable in response to exposure to a magnetic field.

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6. A method of treating a patient with an obstruction inside a medical implant, comprising the steps of:

providing a medical appliance comprising a scaffolding, the scaffolding configured to define a substantially cylindrical member having a distal end and a proximal end and extending longitudinally there between, forming a lumen there through, along the longitudinal extension of the appliance the scaffolding forms geometrical patterns formed by angles, wherein the angles determine the relative flexibility of the medical appliance such that the appliance conforms to the topography of a target lumen and when pressure is exerted along varying points of the longitudinal extension of the appliance, the appliance does not undesirably foreshorten or elongate;

activating medical appliance contraction to force the obstruction to migrate; and

activating expansion of the medical appliance to the pre-contracted state.